

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Richard Meyers, City Manager

SUBJECT: Friday Update

DATE: June 5, 2020

Lane County in Phase II

Lane County entered Phase II of the reopening today. As of today, June 5th the following is in place for City facilities:

- City Hall remains open from 8:00 am to noon and 1:00 to 4:00 pm.
- Municipal Court is operating at City Hall in a remote and in-person process. Please contact the Court Clerk for specific information if you need to attend court.
- Official City meetings are being conducted virtually with limited seating in the Council Chambers to meet distancing requirements.
- City Parks remain open. Restrooms in the parks are open, but they will not be cleaned after every use. Visitors to parks should bring their own drinking water and hand sanitizer. Park visitors should follow physical distancing requirements. Face masks or coverings are encouraged. The Tennis and Pickleball courts, Skate Park and Disc Golf are all open as long as physical distancing can be maintained. Picnic tables and covered areas are available but are not cleaned between each use. Park users wishing to use picnic tables should supplies to clean the surfaces of the tables before use. Within the parks the following remain closed:
 - Drinking fountains
 - Playground equipment
 - Basketball courts
- The City is not taking reservations for use of City meeting space or parks. No meetings other than official City meetings are being held within City Hall or the Community Center. Park space is available on a first-come first served basis. Physical distancing and gathering sizes must be met.
- Community Center/Library remains closed. The interior spaces in the Community Center are undergoing some remodeling and painting in preparation for when the facility can be opened. The Library is also being modified and prepared for when it can be opened.
- The Cottage Grove Armory remains closed to all use.

All the specifics for the different sectors can be found on the Oregon Health Authority's website at: <https://govstatus.egov.com/OR-OHA-COVID-19>

Yard of the Week

This week's yard is located at 1062 E. Washington Avenue. This older home demonstrates how mature trees and landscaping can be incorporated into a very attractive yard. Remember to nominate those yard that should be recognized for their efforts to beautify the community.

City of Cottage Grove Recognized by LRAPA

Lane Regional Air Protection Agency recently recognized the City of Cottage Grove for providing an alternative for landowners in the community to dispose of yard debris without burning. The complete recognition from LRAPA is attached to the Friday Update.

May 2020 Building Inspection Services Report

For the month of May the Building Division of the Public Works & Development Department issued 51 permits, one for a new single family dwelling, and performed 156 inspections in Cottage Grove. In Creswell 22 permits were issued, one for a new family dwelling, and 18 inspections were performed. In Veneta, 21 permits were issued and performed 61 inspections. Staff reviewed and approved 15 plan sets in May and an additional 12 plan sets are in review or on hold for additional information.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator Certification

Last month Andrew Vandehey passed his Level I Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator certification test. To be eligible for the certification test Andrew had to have a minimum of one year's experience working at the treatment plant and had taken educational classes qualifying him to the Level I certification. Andrew has worked at the treatment plant for approximately two years and has worked very hard studying and learning the science of treating wastewater. Congratulations Andrew.

Free Wood Chips

The City had the branch and limb pile at North 12th Street behind Dari Mart ground into chips and mulch this week. The pile of material is free to those wanting them on a first come first serve basis. They must be loaded and hauled from the site by the individual taking them.

Quote of the Week

“One of the happiest moments in life is when you find the courage to let go of what you can't change.”

Author Unkown